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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **7-NITRO-2,1,3-BENZOXADIAZOL AND 7-NITRO-2,1,3-BENZTHIADIAZOL DERIVATIVES, AS WELL AS DYEING AGENTS FOR KERATIN FIBERS CONTAINING THESE COMPOUNDS** the specification of which was filed as PCT International Application number PCT/EP 01/12806 filed on November 6, 2001.

I hereby state that I believe the named inventor or inventors in this Declaration to be the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior foreign application(s):

Priority claimed:

101 13 699.4
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GERMANY
(Country)

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(Date filed)

X
Yes

No

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Yes

No

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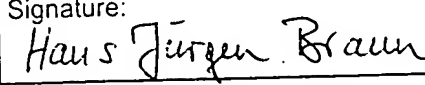
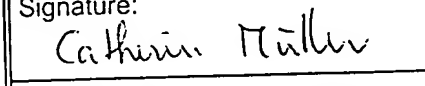
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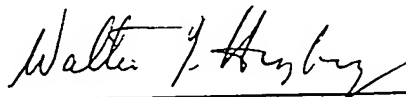
VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION

I, the below named translator, hereby declare as follows:

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I am knowledgeable in the English language and in the language of the attached foreign language document and I believe the attached English translation of that document, which has the title, **"7-NITRO-2,1,3-BENZOXADIAZOLE AND 7-NITRO-2,1,3- BENZTHIADIAZOLE DERIVATIVES, AS WELL DYEING AGENTS FOR KERATIN FIBERS CONTAINING THESE COMPOUNDS"**, is a true and complete translation thereof.

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